

## AMENDMENTS

### In the Specification

Please replace the abstract with the amended abstract below, which removes the reference to Patent No. GB 0000672 in line 2.

### ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to acid-catalysed reactions of alcohols to produce ethers, acetals, ketals or alkenes. The reactions are carried out in the presence of a heterogenous catalyst under near- ~~GB0000672~~or critical or supercritical conditions of temperature and pressure. The reactions of the present invention have the benefit that improved yields and/or selectivities may be obtained. In some cases, products which are not readily available by conventional acid-catalysed reactions of alcohols may be obtained.